

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A safety device for preventing accidental contact with the live blades of an electrical plug during inserting or removal of the plug from a wall socket and a method for attaching the safety device to an electrical plug. The safety device includes a housing with a shield and a connector for connecting the housing to the front face of the electrical plug. The housing has a rear wall formed with apertures for receiving the blades of the plug and a channel for receiving the shield. The shield extends outwardly from the rear wall of the housing and surrounds the blades of the plug when the safety device is attached to the plug. The safety device is connected to the plug by a friction or by an adhesive. The shield collapses toward the rear wall of the housing when the plug is inserted into a wall socket and re-expands to its original position when the plug is withdrawn from the wall socket. The safety device may be attached to any complementary shaped two bladed electrical plug or to a grounded electrical plug.